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MEMORANDUM

DATE: June 24, 2013

TO: All Business Court Judges
cc: Circuit Court Administrators

FROM: Jim Inloes
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RE: Business Court Implementation Update

Business Court Rule and Administrative Order

On June 5, 2013, the Supreme Court approved, with some minor suggested changes, ADM File No. 2012-36. This file included the proposed amendment to Michigan Court Rule 2.112 governing the procedures litigants must follow when filing pleadings eligible for assignment to the business court and the proposed administrative order implementing business court standards as required by MCL 600.8039(2). The rule and the administrative order become effective September 1, 2013.

All business courts can become operational immediately; however, courts cannot compel litigants to identify on the face of the pleadings that the case is eligible for business court assignment until the court rule becomes effective on September 1, 2013.

Although SCAO had developed a model local administrative order based on the proposed rule, the changes ordered by the court in MCR 2.112 (O) require us to modify that [model local administrative order](#). We have also made some minor changes in the model that simplify the language. Regrettably, your proposed orders will need to be resubmitted with the language that is consistent with the new court rule.

If you have any questions regarding business courts please contact me at warnerj@courts.mi.gov or 517-373-7454 or Jim Inloes at inloesj@courts.mi.gov or 517-373-0122.